

**AMENDMENTS TO THE WARRANT ARTICLES
AS VOTED ON AT THE DELIBERATIVE SESSION
FEBRUARY 3, 2010**

Article 23: Open Space Land Bond

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ~~three million dollars (\$3,000,000)~~ two million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$2,250,000) for the purchase of open space lands or other property interests as determined by the Selectmen and to authorize the issuance of bonds or notes therefore of not more than ~~three million dollars (\$3,000,000)~~ two million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$2,250,000) in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and, further, that the amount raised and appropriated herein may be used to defray the costs attributable to due diligence inspections, title search charges, closing costs and other similar charges associated with any such acquisition. These funds may only be expended to meet conservation and passive recreation needs, ~~except that an amount no greater than 25 percent (or \$750,000) of said \$3,000,000 may be expended to acquire open space lands to meet active recreation needs, if such suitable parcels become available.~~ The authorization to borrow provided hereunder shall not lapse until five (5) years from the date of the passage of this article.

(The Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-2 recommends a yes vote. The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 5-2-0.)

This article has an estimated tax impact of ~~\$0.17~~ \$0.13.

Article 43: To Create a Capital Reserve Fund for Transportation with an Additional Motor Vehicle Registration Fee (by petition)

To see if the town will vote to collect an additional motor vehicle registration fee of ~~\$2.00~~ \$1.50 per vehicle for the purpose of supporting a municipal transportation fund for the purposes set forth in RSA 261:153 VI, and further, to vote to establish said fund which shall be a capital reserve fund established for this purpose and governed by the provisions of RSA 35. Proceeds from said fund are to be used to support eligible local transportation improvement projects, specifically public transportation, and furthermore, to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this Capital Reserve Fund.

The funds may be used as matching funds for state or federal funds, and shall be appropriated by the legislative body of the Town of Amherst for purposes stated in the warrant article only. The funds shall not be used to offset any other non-transportation appropriations made by the Town. The additional fee shall be collected from all vehicles, both passenger and commercial, with the exception of all terrain vehicles, as defined in RSA 215-A:1, 1-b and antique motor vehicles or motorcycles, as defined in RSA 259:4.

(The Board of Selectmen by a vote of 0-4-1 recommends a no vote.) The Ways and Means Committee unanimously recommends a no vote.)